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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4303

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PINS, ET

SUBJECT: TENNECO FIVE

REF: KHARTOUM 818; ASMARA 253

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR RALPH REYNOLDS AND UNDP REP BRUCE STEDMAN VISITED ASMARA APRIL 17 AND DISCUSSED TENNECO FIVE CASE WITH GOVERNOR GENERAL OF ERITREA, US VICE CONSUL PERRY, AND BURTCHAE LL OF TENNECO. FROM BURTCHAE LL THEY OBTAINED LENGTHY BRIEFING ON ENTIRE CASE. THEY HAD VERY CORDIAL AND SATISFACTORY CONVERSATION WITH GOVGEN. HE ASSURED THEM OF FULL COOPERATION, INDICATED READINESS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THEM AND SAID THERE WOULD BE NO MILITARY ACTION ENDANGERING LIVES OF TENNECO FIVE.

2. REYNOLDS AND STEDMAN HAVE TOLD ME THAT, ON BASIS OF FACTS NOW KNOWN TO THEM, THEY DO NOT CONSIDER IT AVISABLE TO PRESS IEG FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION AT THIS TIME. STEDMAN ALSO COMMENTED THAT ALL CONCERNED IN ASMARA THOUGHT IT WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS PATTERNS OF ELF KIDNAPPINGS TO

HOLD HOSTAGES FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND THEN RETURN THEM UN-
HARMED, POSSIBLY AFTER RANSOM PAYMENT.
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